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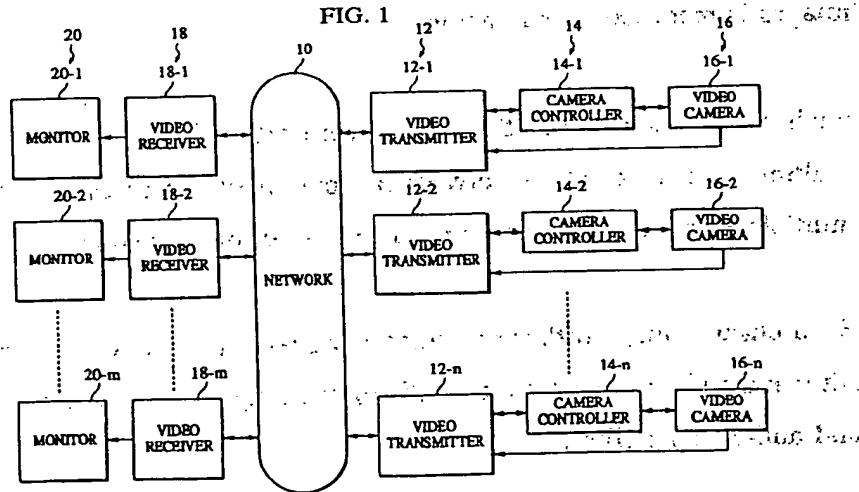
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(54) Camera control system controlling different types of cameras

(57) A camera control system permits a variety of types of cameras to be connected thereto, and makes it possible to control a plurality of cameras by using standardized camera control commands to enable a user to control them without worrying about the difference in type of cameras connected thereto. The camera control system is also capable of supplying the information on the cameras connected to a user. In a camera server, the information on a video camera connected to the

camera server is entered, the input of the information on the video camera that has been entered is determined, and the information on the video camera which has been determined is stored. If an external signal is received, then the external signal is converted to a control signal compatible with the video camera according to the stored information on the video camera.



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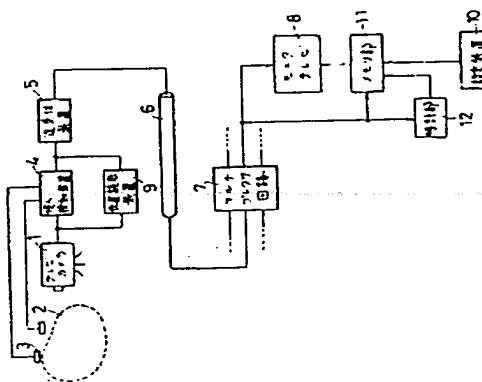
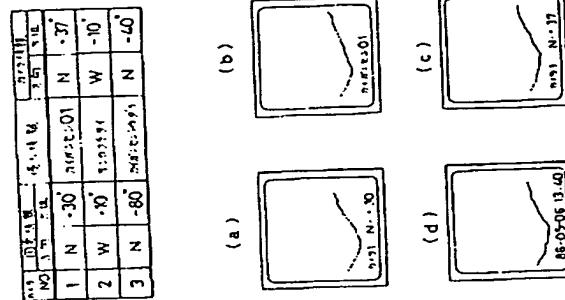
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ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To perform a fine monitoring operation by displaying a photographed image, fixation information on a TV camera, intruder information, and camera information repeatedly on a monitor TV in order with time when an intruder is detected.

CONSTITUTION: Fixation information when the TV camera 1 is set by a setting device 10 and intruder information are set and stored in a memory part 11. When the intruder enters a warning area 2, an intruder detection sensor 3 and an intruder detecting device 4 detect that and input intruder detection signal to a multiplexer circuit 7. When the circuit 7 connects an information transmission line 6 to the monitor TV 8, the TV 8 displays the photographed information of the camera 1 while generating a warning. A position reader 9, on the other hand, supplies the current direction and azimuth of the camera 1 as read information to a memory part 11 and a timer part 12 through the circuit 7. Then the fixation information, intruder information, and camera information are read out of the memory part 11 in order with a clock supplied from the timer part 12 and displayed on the TV 8. Further, when a next clock and timer are both supplied, the year, month, day, and time are displayed. This display is made cyclically.

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